mining in States Royalty for any mineral extracted or removed by the lessee in the leased area is collected and retained by the concerned State Governments.

(b) In view of "a" above, does not arise.

VRS in BALCO

140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "VRS Abhi Lo Aur Bhugtan 10 Sall Main" appeared at page 11 of Rashtriya Sahara dated 4th August, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to protect the interest of the employees of BALCO?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Factual information is being verified.

Families displaced due to acquisition of land by MCL

141. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate on the number of families displaced due to the acquisition land by Mahanadi Coalfield Limited in various coal bearing areas in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have provided proper rehabilitation and compensation to those displaced persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) It has been estimated that 2737 families will be required to be displaced and resettled due to various coal mining projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Orissa, upto the end of 10th Plan period (2006-07).